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**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 15 , 2010**

A meeting of the Charter Review Commission (CRC) was held at the Administration Complex, Room 106-B, Port Charlotte, Florida

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Ken Doherty (Chairman), Joseph Goggin, John Hitzel, , Frank Weikel , Andy Dodd, Johnny Vernon; Maureen Garrard, Suzanne Graham, Paula Hess, Kevin Russell (Vice Chairman)

The following members were absent:

Michael Grant, Tom Rice, Bill Dryburgh, Julie Mathis, Bill Folchi

The following alternates were absent:

Patricia Kelly, Bill Weller, Connie Kantor

In addition to membership, the meeting was attended by *Robert Berntsson, Esq.*, counsel for the CRC

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. EDT by *Chairman Ken Doherty*

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. *Chairman Doherty* confirmed that the members had previously been provided copies of the Minutes of the meeting held June 17, 2010. There being no deletions nor additions to these Minutes they were approved unanimously on motion made and seconded.

Chairman Doherty confirmed that the members had been provided copies of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 1, 2010. There were no deletions nor additions to these Minutes and they were approved unanimously on motion made and seconded.

Chairman Doherty confirmed that the members had been provided copies of the Minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2010. There being no deletions nor additions to these Minutes they were likewise approved unanimously on motion made and seconded.

2. Approval of CRC Expenses *Chairman Doherty* referred to the invoice from Robert Berntsson, Esq. for services rendered the CRC during June. This invoice had been previously distributed to the membership for their review and a copy is attached to these Minutes as Attachment "A". A motion was made and seconded to approve payment of this invoice. *Chairman Doherty* then reviewed an updated list of expenses from the last meeting, also previously distributed to membership, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Attachment "B".

Chairman Doherty said that there would be no meetings during August and September, the last meeting of the Charter Review Commission to be held on October 21, 2010. *Mr. Doherty* mentioned that there may be statements submitted by Mr. Berntsson during this period, and he asked the membership for permission to approve payment of those statements. There was a motion made to approve this action. *Frank Weikel* amended the motion to say that the Chairman could approve all upcoming expenses subject to the availability of sufficient funds. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Public Input: None

4. Commission Comments *Paula Hess* said that she was sorry to have missed voting because of her travel schedule, indicating that she had made her plans based on the original meeting dates. *Chairman Doherty* responded that the decision to move the voting to earlier meeting dates had been a logistical situation. *Ms. Hess* indicated that she had brought in the binder provided each member at the beginning of the session, to be returned for re-use.

Chairman Doherty reminded the members present to mark their calendars for the last regular meeting to be held on October 21, 2010.

Frank Weikel reminded everyone to also bring in their binders to that meeting for recycling.

Robert Berntsson, Esq. updated the membership, indicating that he had spoken with County Attorney Knowlton and the Resolution was on the BCC Consent Agenda for their meeting July 27, 2010. Mr. Berntsson said that he would be attending that meeting but there would be no formal presentation to the Board.

Chairman Doherty said that the Final Report was posted on the website. *Mr. Doherty* added that he had copies of the Report and would be visiting each Commissioner, the County Administrator and the County Attorney with copies of the Report. *Chairman Doherty* then said that it had been a privilege to have chaired the Charter Review Commission. *Mr. Doherty* remarked on the volume of public participation received during this session, adding that the many issues which this CRC decided to examine

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may have been the reason they ran short of time. *Mr. Doherty* also referred to the Final Report as a good template from which future Commissions could work.

Vice Chairman Russell agreed that this session had much more public participation than in the past and it had been a pleasure to serve.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. EDT

Kenneth W. Doherty, Esq.

ATTACHMENT 'A'

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July 9, 2010

Ann Pinder
 Charter Review Commission
 18500 Murdock Circle
 Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Bill Number 6438
 Billed through 06/30/2010
 Reply to: Ben Clarke

General

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

06/01/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Committee; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Mr. Rice; Telephone conference with Mr. Doherty; Review HB 131 passage history.	0.25 hrs	50.00
06/02/10	RHB	Prepare for Public Hearing; Telephone conference with Ms. Knowlton; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Mr. Knowlton; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder	1.50 hrs	300.00
06/03/10	RHB	Prepare for and attend First Public hearing.	2.50 hrs	500.00
06/04/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Hess; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Knowlton; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Mr. Doherty; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder.	0.50 hrs	100.00
06/07/10	RHB	Telephone conference with Mr. Doherty; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Mr. Falchi; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Commission Members; Telephone conference with Ms. Pinder; Review Amendments.	0.50 hrs	100.00
06/08/10	RHB	Telephone conference with Ms. Pinder; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder.	0.25 hrs	50.00
06/14/10	RHB	Prepare for and attend Committee Chair meeting; Conference with Mr. Doherty.	2.50 hrs	500.00
06/15/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review e-mail message(s) to and from Mr. Stamulus.	0.25 hrs	50.00
06/16/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review Ballot synopsis	0.50 hrs	100.00
06/17/10	RHB	Prepare for and attend Second Public Hearing.	2.00 hrs	400.00
06/21/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review notes from two (2) public hearings.	0.25 hrs	50.00
06/25/10	RHB	Prepare for and attend Committee Chair Meeting.	1.50 hrs	300.00
06/28/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Telephone conference with Ms. Pinder; Review Draft CRC final report; Review Ballot Question Synopsis	1.00 hrs	200.00
06/29/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder;	0.75 hrs	150.00

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General		DB No. 5438		Page 2
		Review e-mail message(s) to and from CRC Members; Review additional members comments to Final Report		
06/30/10	RHB	Review e-mail message(s) to and from Ms. Pinder; Review email from Commissioner Starr	0.25 hrs	50.00
		Total fees for this matter		----- \$2,900.00

EXPENSES

BILLING SUMMARY

Bernisson, Robert H 14.50 hrs

TOTAL FEES	\$2,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	50.00
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$2,900.00
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TOTAL BALANCE NOW DUE	\$2,900.00

Please make your check payable to Bernisson, Iteraagan, LLP
 Please include your Bill Number on your check. Thank You.

ATTACHMENT 'B'

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION EXPENSES
 07/15/2010

CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNTS THROUGH 06/18/2010	ADDITIONAL EXPENSES 06/19/2010 THROUGH 07/15/2010	BALANCE REMAINING
Administrative Support (paid through Snelling Services)	\$9,704.00	\$9,498.00	\$788.24	(\$580.24)
Rentals and Leases	\$864.00			\$864.00
Postage	\$55.00			\$55.00
Office supplies	\$140.00	\$215.80		(\$75.80)
Advertising (legal)	\$2,788.00		\$77.35	\$2,710.65
*Attorney fees submitted (R. Bertsson Esq)	\$21,000.00	\$17,300.00	\$2,900.00	\$800.00
TOTALS	\$34,351.00	\$27,013.80	\$3,763.59	\$3,573.61

*NOTE: Attorney fees are not paid until approved by membership.

ADDITIONAL NOTE:
 Flexibility exists among the line items. As long as the original budget of \$34,351 is not exceeded, an anticipated surplus in one account can be applied to an account that is insufficient.